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Amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "is authorized." and inserting the following:

'is authorized only if the rule is amended as follows:

1. Language is deleted specifying that the landing tag fee will be set at a rate determined by the department that will cover the costs of the tag, administration and mailing; and
2. Language is added providing that the landing tag fee will be \$1 except that the department may increase the fee to cover increased tag, administration and mailing costs and that a portion of the tag fee may be used to fund Atlantic halibut research.'

SUMMARY

This amendment approves the final adoption of the major substantive rule regarding halibut tag fees if the rule is amended to set the tag fee at \$1 and to allow the Department of Marine Resources to increase the fee to cover increased tag, administration and mailing costs. It must also provide that a portion of the tag fee may be used to fund Atlantic halibut research.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)